



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION SAINT PATRICK'S DAY

- WHEREAS: Since the founding of our nation, many people of Irish heritage have made their homes in Georgia, adding to Georgia's collective legacy and enriching the quality of life; and
- WHEREAS: Irish-Americans have made significant contributions to the overall traditions of the United States and Irish-Americans have impacted all facets of life in Georgia, including the sciences, government affairs, business and education; and
- WHEREAS: In Ireland, and in regions where Irish men and women gather, communities celebrate the legend of Ireland's patron Saint Patrick, who died on March 17 in approximately 460 A.D.; and
- WHEREAS: Since our nation's first Saint Patrick's Day parade in New York City in 1762, festivities, celebrations and the "wearin' o' the green" have become time-honored traditions across the country, including Dublin, Georgia; and
- WHEREAS: The symbol of Saint Patrick's Day is the shamrock, which is used to illustrate how the Trinity could exist as separate elements of the same entity. Since that time, the shamrock has come to represent the shared immigrant past of Irish-Americans residing throughout the nation and the state; now
- THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim March 17, 2018, as SAINT PATRICK'S DAY in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> day of January in the year of our Lord two thousand eighteen.



*Nathan Deal*

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

*Chris W. Ritz*

CHIEF OF STAFF